

# **Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board**

## **Small Business Impact Statement**

**Date:** November 21, 2016

**Rule Number:** 20 CSR 2200-7.001 - Definitions

**Name of Agency Preparing Statement:** DIFP, Professional Registration, State Board of Nursing

**Name of Person Preparing Statement:** Lori Scheidt

**Phone Number:** 573-751-0681

**Email:** lori.scheidt@pr.mo.gov

**Name of Person Approving Statement:** Kathleen Steele Danner

**Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses** (§536.300 RSMo examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique).

There is no projected impact on small businesses. Nursing Education Incentive Program (NEIP) funding is designed to off-set financial barriers that public Missouri institutions of higher learning may have that prevent growth in their nursing education program(s). NEIP funding represents opportunities for growth/expansion of educational capacity for many nursing programs in Missouri.

**Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.**

Public institutions of higher learning as well as all pre-licensure nursing programs have been informed and have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Missouri State Board of Nursing (Board) and the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE). The Nursing Education Incentive Program has been discussed with nurse educators and other stakeholders in nursing association meetings and at educator conferences across the state. Each time NEIP funding is made available administrators of all public Missouri institutions of higher learning as well as pre-licensure nursing programs approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing receive notification of the opportunity to apply. A Listserv system is utilized to communicate notices to stakeholders across the state. Grant eligibility and award decisions are made in open meetings readily accessible to the public. Meeting minutes are available for review.

There is great support and appreciation among the nursing education community for this funding. Small businesses across the state may benefit from this funding as fund-eligible nursing

programs continue to expand their resources and find venues to purchase additional equipment and supplies.

**Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.**

Neither the Missouri State Board of Nursing nor the Missouri Department of Higher Education will yield any additional revenue through this rule change.

Nursing Education Incentive Program grant funding comes from the Board's fund balances during each respective fiscal year. So far, beginning with 2011 (\$1,000,000), 2012 (\$1,000,000), 2013 (\$1,000,000) and 2016 (projected to award \$2,000,000) the Board will have expended a total of \$5,000,000 through NEIP funding. The Board projects to continue this funding on annual basis, as fund balances permit.

**Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.**

There is no projected negative impact on licensees, applicants, or small businesses; there may be positive financial/business impact on small business that may be involved with providing additional equipment and supplies to public institutions of higher learning/nursing programs as eligible NEIP funding recipients spend awarded funds.

**Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.**

The proposed rule will pose no additional costs for licensees.

NEIP grant funding comes from the Board's fund balances during each respective fiscal year. The Board projects to continue this funding on annual basis, as fund balances permit. NEIP grant administration and implementation is the responsibility of the Board and supported by Board staff assigned to support this function. Board staff assigned to support NEIP processes includes the Director of Education and the Education Office Assistant. The Executive Director of the Board oversees/manages the NEIP program and reports processes/findings back to the Board. Responsibilities assigned by the Board to this group of staffers makes up a very small percentage of their daily duties and will not significantly change/impact workloads.

**Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.**

There is no projected negative impact on small businesses; there may positive financial/business impact on small business that may be involved with providing additional equipment and supplies to public institutions of higher learning/nursing programs as eligible NEIP funding recipients spend awarded funds.

**Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?**

Yes\_\_\_\_ No X

**If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.**

N/A

*For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.*